

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

BEFORE THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

DECISION

In the Matter of Protest of:)

CASE NO. 2007-122

Direct Student Service Insurance, Inc.)

University of South Carolina)

POSTING DATE:

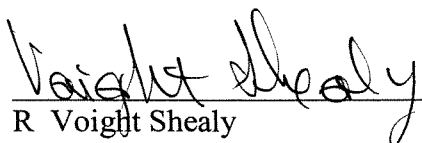
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Provide Secondary Insurance for)

SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

Student Athletes)

IT APPEARING THAT the Appellant has withdrawn its protest, the above mentioned matter is hereby dismissed with prejudice. A copy of the withdrawal letter is attached and incorporated herein by reference.



R. Voight Shealy
Chief Procurement Officer
for Goods and Services



Date

Columbia, S.C.

STATEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO APPEAL

The South Carolina Procurement Code, under Section 11-35-4210, subsection 6, states:

A decision under subsection (4) of this section shall be final and conclusive, unless fraudulent, or unless any person adversely affected by the decision requests a further administrative review by the Procurement Review Panel under Section 11-35-4410(1) within ten calendar days of posting of the decision in accordance with Section 11-35-4210(5). The request for review shall be directed to the appropriate chief procurement officer, who shall forward the request to the Panel, or to the Procurement Review Panel and shall be in writing, setting forth the reasons why the person disagrees with the decision of the appropriate chief procurement officer. The person may also request a hearing before the Procurement Review Panel.

Additional information regarding the protest process is available on the internet at the following web site:

<http://www.state.sc.us/mmo/legal/lawmenu.htm>

FILING FEE: Pursuant to Proviso 66.1 of the 2004 General Appropriations Act, "[r]equests for administrative review before the South Carolina Procurement Review Panel shall be accompanied by a filing fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00), payable to the SC Procurement Review Panel. The panel is authorized to charge the party requesting an administrative review under the South Carolina Code Sections 11-35-4210(6), 11-35-4220(5), 11-35-4230(6) and/or 11-35-4410(4). . . . Withdrawal of an appeal will result in the filing fee being forfeited to the panel. If a party desiring to file an appeal is unable to pay the filing fee because of hardship, the party shall submit a notarized affidavit to such effect. If after reviewing the affidavit the panel determines that such hardship exists, the filing fee shall be waived." 2004 S.C. Act No. 248, Part IB, § 66.1. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO THE "SC PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL."

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: In order to prosecute an appeal before the Panel, a business must retain a lawyer. Failure to obtain counsel will result in dismissal of your appeal. Protest of Lighting Services, Case No. 2002-10 (Proc. Rev. Panel Nov. 6, 2002) and Protest of The Kardon Corporation, Case No. 2002-13 (Proc. Rev. Panel Jan. 31, 2003).

Deb Martin - Protest to Solicitation # USC-IFB-1072-DG

From: "Matt Koehler" <mattkoehler@dssinsurance.com>
To: <vshealy@mmo.state.sc.us>
Date: 9/6/2007 12:29:55 PM
Subject: Protest to Solicitation # USC-IFB-1072-DG

Hello Mr. Shealy,

I am sending you an email in reference to the protest my company made concerning the award to solicitation # USC-IFB-1072-DG. After discussing the protest with Ms. Teresa Watts and her providing us with information concerning the awarded insurance carrier's rating status (A), we would like to withdraw our protest. I appreciate your time in addressing this matter.

Sincerely,

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